



PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG.

land Tennyson makes this reference :

“The son of him with whom we strove for
power—
Whose will is lord thro’ all his world-
domain—
Who made the serf a man, and burst
his chain—
Has given our Prince his own Imperial
Flower,
Alexandrovna.

“And welcome, Russian flower, a people’s
pride,
To Britain, when her flowers begin to
blow !
From love to love, from home to home
you go,
From mother unto mother, stately bride,
Marie Alexandrovna !”

The Princess Helena, born 1846, was married in her twentieth year to Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. She has exhibited the high principles and Christian virtues which have so largely marked the women of the Royal household.

Prominent among these women in high places whose truest patent of nobility was their service to the lowly, was the Queen’s cousin, the late Duchess of Teck, a daughter of King George the Third’s youngest son. In the

agricultural districts of the country an incalculable amount of good has been done through the “village homes” she established for the benefit of the women and girls of the rural population. The Princess Helena has taken up much of the work the Duchess of Teck began. She was already known as an active and zealous worker when the South African war broke out, and turned her philanthropic energy into a special channel. She made the welfare of the soldier in health and in sickness her earnest study. Her womanly tenderness was especially concerned by the fact that her own son was serving as an officer in the army. A young man of exceptional promise, he shared the dangers and fatigues of the campaign, was stricken down with fever, and died at Pretoria in the last month of the year, thus adding another sorrow to the heart of his mother and of the Queen, on whom seemed to rest with peculiar weight the sufferings of her people.



THE LATE PRINCE HENRY OF
BATTENBERG.